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Iran-Iraq War

IRNA announced that Iranian forces launched a new offensive in the central sector the night of 13-14 January, capturing 100 sq km of Iranian territory that had been under Iraqi occupation since 1980. Iran claimed to have inflicted over 1,000 casualties in the "limited" operation, entitled Karbala 6. Iranian forces reportedly captured 11 strategic heights in the Sumar area and seized Iraq's Abu 'Ubaydah border post. An Iraqi communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio stated that Iraq's II Army Corps "completely destroyed" the attacking forces, except in one area where the Iranians managed to penetrate an Iraqi company's positions and "pushed numbers of infiltrators to the border outpost of Abu 'Ubaydah." However, an Iraqi force subsequently "purged" the area and captured or killed the Iranians in it, according to a military spokesman cited by INA. The Iraqi agency carried a statement in which Iraq claimed to have killed thousands of Iranians and captured hundreds.

Iran also claimed further successes in the Karbala 5 sector, where Iranian troops were "edging toward" Basra after capturing 100 sq km in a 13 January advance, according to IRNA. The overall Iraqi casualty toll in Karbala 5 rose to 18,500, IRNA asserted, while the number of Iraqi planes downed reached 38, including several Tupolev bombers. In contrast, an Iraqi communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses said that Iraq's III Army Corps confronted and destroyed all Iranian units which attempted to advance.

Iraqi aircraft carried out a second wave of attacks on Iranian cities 13 January, according to military statements broadcast by Voice of the Masses. The targets were Qom, Dezful, Tabriz, Esfahan, and Bakhtaran, which received the "full load" of 30 planes. IRNA reported that over 180 civilians were killed in raids on Iranian cities 13 January, with Bakhtaran suffering the largest death toll. The agency announced that Iran retaliated by firing a surface-to-surface missile at Baghdad 14 January. An Iraqi statement carried by Voice of the Masses said the attack caused civilian casualties, but as in other recent missile attacks on Baghdad it did not say how many. An Iraqi communique stated earlier that Iranian artillery and air attacks on Iraq 13 January killed 6 civilians and injured 102. The communique said an Iranian plane was downed over Iraq, though this was denied by an Iranian officer in an IRNA report.

In the Gulf, Iraqi planes hit another large maritime target 13 January, the Iraqi communique reported. Tehran radio cited a REUTER report that a Kuwaiti oil tanker was hit by a missile in the Gulf early 14 January.

Jordan

King Husayn criticized U.S. Mideast policy in an interview with Radio Monte Carlo, asserting that U.S. envoy Richard Murphy brought "nothing new" to Amman, where he was told that U.S. credibility in the Middle East is "almost zero." Husayn said the United States cannot now play the kind of role it envisaged at the time of President Reagan's 1982 initiative, though the United States can still play a "positive role" through an international conference. He expressed hope that the European states will persuade the United States to change its attitude toward an international conference and help bring U.S. and Soviet viewpoints closer. Regarding the possibility of a resumption in the PLO-Jordanian dialogue, Husayn stressed that "nothing can be done" unless the PLO is prepared to reconsider its position.

Lebanon

Israeli Raid — Israeli planes raided a "terrorist" target in the Al-Biqa' Valley 13 January, scoring "good hits" on a training camp belonging to a Syrian-sponsored organization, Jerusalem radio reported. No missiles were fired at the Israeli planes, although the target area is within the range of Syrian SAM's. The clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio said the Israeli planes targeted "Fatah Uprising" positions near Yanta, killing 3 persons and wounding 12 others.

ICO Attendance — Beirut radio reported that President Amin al-Jumayyil intends to attend the ICO summit conference in Kuwait now that the Lebanese issue has been included on the summit agenda at Lebanon's request.

Israel

Irish Protest —Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry has made a "sharp protest" to the Israeli ambassador in Britain over the killing of an Irish UNIFIL soldier in southern Lebanon, Jerusalem radio reported. The Israeli ambassador, based in London, was summoned to Dublin to receive the protest.

Economic Measures — Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir described the 10-percent devaluation of the shekel as a "one-time move" that will promote a "new era of growth and progress." Speaking in a 13 January interview with Jerusalem radio, Shamir also denied any direct connection between the Lavi project and the government's decision not to cut the defense budget. Shamir said he hoped for continued development of the Lavi aircraft "while not impairing other important interests of the defense estabishment."

Libya-Chad Conflict

Libya launched an attack on Zouar region 13 January in attempt to regain control of that section of Tibesti Province, according to an AFP report citing "reliable" Ndjamena sources. Chadian sources also disclosed that the Libyans are sending their troops into northern Chad via Niger and Sudan, AFP stated. The

sources said Libya sent between 700 and 1,00 men through Niger with artillery and tanks mounted on transporters between late December and early January. The Libyans have also sent units of motorized infantry and armor through Sudan to rout the Chadian forces who threw Libyan troops out of Fada.

Pakistan

Following recent unrest and violence, a curfew has been imposed on Hyderabad, Latifabad, and an area inside Karachi, according to Karachi radio. The curfews will remain in effect until further notice, the radio said.

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Najibullah Attends Security Ministry Anniversary

LD131002 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Excerpts] PDPA Central Committee General Secretary Comrade Najib took part in a meeting marking the seventh founding anniversary of the State Security Ministry. [State Security became a ministry in Jan 1986]

A BIA correspondent reports that on arrival at the ministry Comrade Najib was welcomed by the ministry chiefs. Comrade Najib inspected the special brigade while Major General Gholam Faruq Yaqubi, member of the Politburo and the DRA minister of state security, accompanied him.

Comrade Najib then took part in a meeting of State Security Ministry employees to mark the seventh founding anniversary of that ministry.

Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers; Comrade Brigadier General Mohammad Rafi', member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of defense; Comrade Lieutenant General Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and the DRA interior minister; and Comrade Farid Ahmad Mazdak, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and first secretary of the DYOA Central Committee also took part at the meeting.

The BIA correspondent adds that at the beginning of the meeting after the DRA national anthem was played, Comrade Gholam Faruq Yaqubi presented the basic report concerning the seventh founding anniversary of the State Security Ministry. He drew the attention of the employees and officials of that ministry to their entrusted duties in furthering the implementation of PDPA objectives. He assured the PDPA Central Committee and its Politburo and Comrade Najib himself that the employees of the State Security Ministry are carrying out their duties under the leadership of the PDPA. [passage omitted]

The BIA correspondent further adds that Comrade Najib delivered a speech which was warmly welcomed by the participants of the meeting.

Comrade Najib in his conversation praised the victorious role of the State Security Ministry and specified its further duties in light of the decisions and resolutions of the recent plenums of the PDPA Central Committee, particularly the broad and extraordinary plenum of Jadi [month from 22 December to 20 January] of the PDPA Central Committee and the statement of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

Comrade Najib congratulated Comrade Gholam Faruq Yaqubi, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of state security, on his extraordinary promotion from the rank of major general to the rank of lieutenant general.

Comrade Najib in his speech pointed out that Comrade (Dostam), commander of the Operational Battalion of State Security in Jowzjan Province; Comrade Faruq-e Shahid and Hassan-e Shahid as well as the combat units of the special operational regiment of the Fifth General Directorship and the operational Battalion Number 734 of state security in Jowzjan Province have been honored with the title of DRA hero for their heroic activities.

Comrade Najib, then read out the message of congratulations of the PDPA Central Committee on the occasion of the seventh founding anniversary of the State Security Ministry, a part of which says: The seventh founding anniversary of the State Security Ministry is being celebrated at a time when the extraordinary plenum of the PDPA Central Committee and the statement of the DRA Revolutionary Council have announced the policy of national reconciliation to end war and bloodshed in the country and which has been completely welcomed by the Afghanistan's patriots. The role and importance of the State Security Ministry's services, its political bodies, and its party organizations will be further enhanced during the implementation of this policy. [passage omitted]

The DRA correspondent adds that the first part of the meeting ended with the playing of the DRA national anthem. Then, Comrade Najib and his delegation went to the hospital of the State Security Ministry and visited the patients. Comrade Najib, then went to the Ministry of State Security and having opened the political enlightenment room of the Department of Political Affairs of that ministry, visited the State Security Ministry exhibition. He also laid a wreath at the memorial of the martyrs of the path of revolution.

PDPA Session Assesses Shevardnadze Visit

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[Text] A routine PDPA Central Committee Politburo session assessed the results of the visit to the DRA by E. Shevardnadze, member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and USSR minister of foreign affairs, and Comrade Anatoliy Dobrynin, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. The PDPA Central Committee Politburo considers this visit to have been fruitful, comprehensive, and constructive, and made in the spirit of strengthening the outcome of the recent Moscow talks.

The aforementioned [word indistinct] is a new (?step) toward the expansion of Afghan-Soviet cooperation and the reactivation of relations between our countries at the turning point of history for the new Afghanistan. Friendly relations (?between the two countries) are taking new qualitative dimensions and fresh approaches.

In the course of its visit, the high ranking Soviet delegation supported the policy of national reconciliation announced by the extraordinary plenum of the PDPA. In the course of this visit, topics concerning the link between the policy of national reconciliation and the policy of the solution of the situations around Afghanistan; the (?strengthening) of the growth of social services, in particular trade, including (?foreign) trade; the creation of mixed establishments; and the attraction of national investors, were discussed. A series of other topics of interest were also discussed.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo fully and completely confirmed the results of talks between the DRA delegation and Comrade Shevardnadze, member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and Comrade Anatoliy Dobrynin, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. It assessed them as a new considerable (?step) toward the expansion of the friendly relations between the DRA and the USSR and between the PDPA and the CPSU, and as (?a step) toward deepening the December talks held in Moscow between General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee M. S. Gorbachev and General Secretary of the PDPA Central Committee Comrade Najib.

The Politburo, in light of the agreements achieved, instructed that practical work toward the implementation of the domestic and foreign policy of the PDPA and of the DRA state be strengthened. The Politburo also assessed information concerning the preliminary results of the progress of the work of national reconciliation. The Politburo pointed out that the decisions of the extraordinary plenum of the month of Jadi [22 December to 20 January] concerning the announcement of the policy of national reconciliation throughout the country has been widely reflected and warmly supported by all social strata, and all nationalities, tribes and clans of the country. By convening meetings and traditional festivals, the people welcome the policy of national reconciliation as a great historical initiative toward the cessation of war and fratricide in the country.

The Politburo instructed that all-round preparations be made toward the creation of facilities for the return of compatriots from abroad and also that the necessary assistance be given to individuals who lay down their arms.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo assessed matters relating to the implementation of the resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and the Secretariat of the PDPA Central Committee after the 18th PDPA Central Committee Plenum.

The Politburo pointed out that important measures have been rendered toward the implementation of decisions of the party leadership, and great results have been achieved in the consolidation of the gains of the revolution, the strengthening of the social bases of the revolution, and the maintenance of national reconciliation in the country. As a result of the realization of these resolutions the unity of word and action has been further maintained.

The Politburo affirmed the results obtained from the realization of the resolutions of the Politburo and Secretariat of the Central Committee and instructed responsible sources to seriously control and improve the process of implementation of the resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee.

The Politburo also assessed and approved the mechanism for the free distribution of the primary USSR grant-in-aid consumer goods and the supply of services to the citizens of the country. The Politburo also assessed the contents of letters to the PDPA Central Committee concerning the realization of the policy of national reconciliation in the DRA.

The Politburo pointed out with satisfaction that the decisions and resolutions of the extraordinary PDPA Central Committee plenum, the extraordinary meeting of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and the documents of the Supreme Commission of National Reconciliation in Afghanistan, have provoked the feelings and fervor of the people. In the course of days after the plenum, a great number of letters from our compatriots at home and abroad arrived at the Central Committee. These letters express gratitude and thanks for the timely and wise decision of the PDPA concerning the announcement of the policy of national reconciliation in the country. The arrival of letters is indicative of the serious desire of the people of Afghanistan for national reconciliation, and of their support for the policy of the party, for revolutionary sovereignty, and for ceasing bloodshed and fratricide in Afghanistan. The Politburo instructed that the proposals and demands contained in the letters of our compatriots should be comprehensively assessed and urgent decisions made in this regard.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo also discussed a series of domestic and foreign issues.

Wakil, Others View U.S.-USSR Arms Race

LD140955 Kabul BAKHTAR in English
0457 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Kabul, January 13, BAKHTAR: The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan believes that the peace initiatives of the Soviet Union have been of great significance in (?improving) the conditions in Asia and the Pacific region and for the relaxation of international tension in general, said Abdol Wakil, Politburo member of the PDPA CC and minister of foreign affairs of the DRA, at a round table television conference.

The measures, pointed out Abdol Wakil, taken by the DRA are indicative of the fact that the peace proposals of the Soviet Union have provided the ground for the removal of regional conflicts to enable the people of Afghanistan to live in peaceful conditions. However, the United States is still persisting in its policy of military superiority and arms race.

The meetings of the leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States in Reykjavik, the extension of the moratorium on nuclear tests by the Soviet Union, the formulation of Asian security program in July 1986 by Mikhail Gorbachev in his speech in the city of Vladivostok as well as the Delhi Declaration for a nuclear-free world are among the important steps taken by the Soviet Union in 1986 for achieving peace, pointed out the minister of foreign affairs.

Speaking at the round table conference, Abdorrahim Hatef, chairman of the Central Council of National Fatherland Front of the DRA, said: "We had witnessed the constructive proposals set forth by the Soviet Union in 1986 in connection with world peace and the prevention of nuclear war. The people of the world gave their strong support to these peaceful initiatives. The Afghan people have also continued their campaign for peace and against nuclear war and gave their support to the peace proposals of the Soviet Union".

The realisation of a nuclear-free world which has been announced by the Soviet Union in 1986 will provide the ground

for the development in all spheres, including commerce and industry, viewed Sayed Amanuddin Amin, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA at the round table conference.

If the funds which are being spent on arms race are spent for the development of industry, poverty, and backwardness could be removed from the world, he pointed out.

Malwlavi 'Abdol Jamil Zarif, minister of Islamic affairs and trust properties of the DRA, viewed that the sacred religion of Islam is always an advocate of peace and conciliation and hates war and bloodshed. Accordingly, the people of Afghanistan are attaching great significance to the flexible policy of the Soviet Union and its efforts for achieving peace and security.

Nasr Organization Opposes USSR Support for Iraq

LD130058 Tehran in English to Europe
1930 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] The Nasr Organization of Afghanistan, in connection with a statement made by the Soviet delegation to the United Nations to the effect that the Soviet Union will cater to weaponry and armament requirements of Baghdad in its war against Iran, issued a communique and proclaimed that the present age is the age of nations' resolve and not the bullying of the superpowers. The statement has stressed: Today, the nations of Iran, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, and other Islamic nations will decide their own destinies and the Soviet Union, after 7 years of its incursion and occupation of Afghanistan, is (?forgetting) its own aggression and has resorted to every possible means from the Geneva conference to even asking America to be delivered from its adventurism in Afghanistan, then it should not allow itself to seed plotting against the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

In the communique of the Nasr Organization it has been hoped that with the toppling of the criminal regime of Saddam, the people of Iraq would be liberated from the rule of the athiests and the agents of the Eastern and the Western powers.

Petroleum Agreement for 1987 Signed With USSR

LD091112 Kabul BAKHTAR in English
0418 GMT 9 Jan 87

[Text] Kabul, January 8, BAKHTAR — An agreement for the supply of 547,000 tons of petroleum products for the year 1987 has been signed between the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union in Moscow today.

According to this agreement, the import of petrol, diesel, and kerosene will be increased by ten per cent over that of the previous year.

Transportation of petroleum products from the Soviet Union to the DRA has already been started and the convoys will reach the capital and provincial centers of Afghanistan soon.

Pakistani Envoy Summoned on Airspace Violations

LD101558 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto
1430 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] The charge d'affaires of Pakistan's Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Foreign Affairs Ministry today at 1000 and the following points were made to him by the deputy head of the first political department:

Despite the repeated protests by the DRA, the Pakistan Government does not take practical action to end the aggression and continues its repeated excursions onto DRA soil. A jet aircraft of Pakistan entered DRA territory to a depth 10km in the region of [name indistinct], on 23 December 1986 at 1000 in the morning, flying at a height of 1,300 meters. It left DRA airspace after a 10-minute flight.

Two Pakistani reconniassance aircraft entered the DRA airspace at a height of 1,300 meters in the region of (?Zaro), Nazian District on 24 December 1986 at 0810 in the morning and also in the afternoon at 1300 and after 1 6-8 minute reconnaissance flight left DRA airspace. Also, Pakistan's military forces have launched 300 shells of surface-to-surface (?reactive) rockets on the villages of Barikowt, Konar Province from 28 December 1986 to 3 Jan 1987, resulting indamage to life and property. Also, a Pakistani reconniassance aircraft entered DRA airspace in the afternoon at 1644 in the districts of [name indistinct] and Orgon, at a speed of 900 km/hour and a height of 6,000 meters and after 8 minutes of reconnaissance at a height of 4,000 meters, left DRA airspace.

The DRA Government condemns these aggressive and hostile actions by the Pakistan Government and strongly protests these to the Pakistani Government. It demands that Pakistan's Government end such hostile aggressions. Otherwise, the dangerous consequences will rest with the Pakistani authorities.

Also, Pakistan's Government, in order to cover up its aggressive action, has claimed that the DRA Armed Forces violated the region of Ardoy, Chitral on 28 December 1986 and 1 Jan 1987. After all-round assessment and investigation it became clear that this claim of the Pakistani authorities is groundless. The DRA Government resolutely rejects this claim by the Pakistani authorities. it demands that the Pakistani authorities stop making such groundless claims, which do nothing but aggravate the situation on the borders.

Mujahidin Besiege Barikowt Cantonment; Down MiGs

BK090234 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 9 Jan 87

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say that the mujahidin have besieged the Barikowt cantonment in Konarha Province and are tightening their hold. Reports received from the area say that fierce fighting is going on between mujahidin and the Soviet-Najib forces. According to reports, the mujahidin have shot down two MiG fighters and captured about 60 Soviet-Najib soldiers in the area.

Danish Prime Minister Schluter Arrives

BK111255 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] The Danish prime minister, Mr Poul Schluter, has arrived in New Delhi on an 8-day visit to India. Soon after his arrival he left the capital to visit Agra Khajuraho and Bharatpur. He will be given a ceremonial welcome in New Delhi on Tuesday morning.

During his stay in the capital, the Danish prime minister will have talks with Mr Rajiv Gandhi on various international and bilateral issues. The world situation, developments in Europe, East-West relations, and the 6-nation disarmament initiative will also figure in the talks.

Mr Schluter will also call on the president, Giani Zail Singh, and meet the finance minister, Mr V.P. Singh.

Begins Visit; Calls on President

BK131026 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] The prime minister of Denmark, Mr Poul Schluter, and Mrs Schluter arrived in New Delhi today from Agra to a warm welcome. The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, received them at the airport. Mr Schulter inspected an interservices guard of honor. Mr Schluter, who is on a week-long state visit to this country, later called on the president. Mr Schluter will have official level talks with Mr Gandhi this evening. The prime minister is hosting a dinner in his honor tonight.

Holds Talks With Gandhi

BK131614 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] The Danish prime minister, Mr Poul Schluter, today had a 90-minute meeting with the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi. Simultaneously, delegation-level talks were held between the two sides. The two prime ministers discussed, among other things, post-Reykjavik developments. An official spokesman said there was large convergence of views on matters pertaining to disarmament, South African situation, and North-South relations. At the official meeting, the Indian delegation was led by the cabinet secretary Mr B.G. Deshmukh, and the Danish delegation by the permanent undersecretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Mr (Peter Weiss). Bilateral economic relations figured prominently during the talks.

Addresses Honorary Banquet

BK140404 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] India and Denmark have expressed deep concern at the current arms race and called for making nuclear deterrence obsolete as a basis for the security of states. Speaking at a banquet hosted by the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in New Delhi last night in honor of the Danish prime minister, Mr Poul Schluter, the two leaders shared the view that joint efforts should be made to halt the arms race on earth and in space. Mr Gandhi said we cannot leave the determination of our destiny to the nuclear-weapon powers. Reykjavik has shown that the path of nuclear disarmament and global cooperation hold the promise for the future. He recalled the appeal made by the 6-nation 5-continent peace initiative to the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union and said the people of the world expect the two countries to realize their declared objectives of preventing an arms race in space and eliminating it on earth.

The Danish prime minister also made a strong plea for joint efforts to halt the current arms race. He said while the concept of military balance cannot be done away with, security can and must be attained at a lower level of armaments in the days to come.

Speaking about the global economic environment, Mr Rajiv Gandhi regretted that the dialogue for restructuring the world economy has been stalemated. The growing problems of protectionism, indebtedness, huge budget deficits, and dwindling aid afflict both the developing and developed countries. There is need for cooperative efforts to effect global recovery on a sustained basis.

Referring to the problem of South Africa, Mr Gandhi said the struggle against apartheid has acquired an irresistible momentum. He congratulated Denmark for its decision to sever its economic links with South Africa.

The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry has signed an agreement with the Federation of Danish Industries for the setting up of the Indo-Danish joint business council. The council will undertake initiatives to promote bilateral trade and for the establishment of joint ventures.

Tiwari Views Outcome of Dhaka, Hanoi Visits

BK130920 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] India is to undertake off-shore oil exploration in Vietnam under an agreement signed between the two countries recently. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Hydrocarbons Ltd will soon set up an office near Ho Chi Minh City to start work with indigenous knowhow. The external affairs minister, Mr N.D. Tiwari, who headed a high-level delegation to Vietnam recently told newsmen in New Delhi today that it is a major step forward in strengthening the relations between the two nations. India also agreed to extend another line of credit amounting to 100 million rupees in addition to the 150 million announced by the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, during his visit to that country last year. The credit will be utilized to modernize various plants and mills there. Mr Tiwari said India has also agreed to extend a grant of 10 million rupees for purchase of urgently needed commodities.

The external affairs minister described his visits to Vietnam and Bangladesh as very fruitful. He said the question of a long-term solution of the river waters issue was discussed with Bangladesh officials. About the problem of the Chakma refugees, he said

Bangladesh has agreed to take them back. The repatriation of over 24,000 refugees will begin on Thursday [15 January] through three border posts. Both the countries also agreed to continue to cooperate in dealing with the problem of insurgency. The minister disclosed that a direct dialing telephone service between India and Bangladesh will start functioning from March this year.

Venkateswaran on Sri Lanka, Pakistan, PRC

BK110909 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] India has conveyed its concern to the United States over the reported presence of American mercenaries in Sri Lanka who are helping the security forces in fighting the militants. The foreign secretary, Mr A.P. Venkateswaran, now visiting the United States, voiced the concern during his meetings with State Department officials in Washington. Speaking at a meeting of the India Forum in New York, he said the Sri Lankan Government has gone back on an agreement reached by it with two Indian ministers — Mr K. Natwar Singh and Mr P. Chidamabaram — when they visited Colombo last month. The agreement related to ways to bring about a solution of the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. Mr Venkateswaran said only a political and not a military solution is possible in Sri Lanka.

Speaking about the supply of American arms to Pakistan, Mr Venkateswaran said despite American assurances in the past, Pakistan had used arms acquired by it from the United States against India. That is why supply of more arms to Islamabad causes deep concern in India.

Mr Venkateswaran said if AWACS [Airborne Warning and Control System] are supplied to Pakistan, it would be necessary for India to take countermeasures.

On the Sino-Indian border dispute, Mr Venkateswaran said China had intruded into Indian territory recently despite an agreement to maintain peace along the border. He said the next round of talks on the boundary problem is to be held in New Delhi at a time left to the Chinese to decide.

Minister on Sri Lankan Talks on Ethnic Issue

BK111619 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] The minister of state for home, Mr P. Chidambaram, has said that the Sri Lankan Government and the Tamil militants have unilaterally taken some decisions which are not conducive for a solution to the ethnic issue. If both sides agree to go back to the position on the 19th of the last month, the situation can be defused. Speaking to newsmen in Madras today, he said New Delhi is working toward this end. He clarified that India welcomes any direct talks between the two sides for the settlement of the issue. The center and the Tamil Nadu government have identical views on this.

Punjab Chief Minister Asked To View Situation

BK131310 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] The prime minister has invited the Punjab chief minister, Mr S.S. Barnala, to New Delhi on Friday [16 January] to discuss the entire gamut of problems and issues relating to the state. Mr Rajiv Gandhi has written a letter to Mr Barnala with a view to taking meaningful and effective action.

Sikh Militants Tell Hindus To Leave Punjab

BK121551 Hong Kong AFP in English 1442 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] Amritsar, India, Jan 12 (AFP) — Two Sikh militant groups asked Punjab's Hindu minority to leave the troubled northern state by April 1 in a joint statement delivered at newspaper offices here Monday. The Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) and the newly-formed United Sikh Army warned Hindus of "dangerous consequences" if they did not heed the "quit Punjab" call. The Hindus, who make up about 80 percent of India's estimated 800-million population, are the largest minority in Sikh-dominated Punjab.

The militants' warning Monday came along with a call to Sikhs to observe January 26, India's Republic Day, as a "black day" to protest against alleged second class treatment of Sikhs. Sikhs were asked to hoist black flags on their rooftops, wear black turbans and badges, and keep away from official celebrations or face "serious consequences". If any Sikhs participate in Republic Day celebrations, "they would be doing so at their own risk," the joint statement issued by the KLF, the Khalistan Commando Force, and the All India Sikh Students' Federation said.

5 Killed in Punjab 'Terrorist' Incidents

BK120747 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0730 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] In Punjab, five persons have been killed and one seriously injured in three separate incidents of terrorist activities since last night. Some unidentified gunmen entered a house near Tarn Taran in Amritsar District and killed four women. The victims have been identified as Mrs Mohinder Kaur, her two daughters, and their tenant.

A police constable was shot dead by two terrorists near Khaira village in Jullundur District this morning. The police sources have identified him as Nirmal Singh.

In the third incident, a teacher was seriously injured near village (Chamewala) in Faridkot District by terrorists early this morning when he was on his way to school.

'Dreaded Terrorist' Arrested in Punjab

BK121420 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] The Ludhiana police have arrested a dreaded terrorist, Alok Singh, of Amritsar District. According to the director

general of the Punjab police, Mr Ribeiro, he was involved in a number of terrorist activities including the transistor bomb blasts in Delhi. Some arms and ammunition were recovered from him.

'Terrorists' Kill 2 Police Personnel in Punjab

BK110308 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] In Punjab, two Central Reserve Police Force personnel were killed and three injured when they were ambushed while on patrol duty by some terrorists in a village near (Chabal) in Amritsar District last night. According to an official spokesman, while a subinspector died on the spot, a naik [low-ranking police official] succumbed to his injuries on his way to the hospital. Police and paramilitary forces have sealed off the entire area and a massive combing operation is on to apprehend the culprits.

The state governor, Mr Siddharta Shankar Ray, has called upon the people to make concerted efforts to fight the terrorist menace. He was speaking to the residents of villages of Toor and Mogul Chak in Tarn Taran subdivision where 10 persons were killed by the terrorists on Friday. Mr Ray said killing of innocent persons was aginst the teachings of the Sikh gurus. The governor said it was shocking that despite best efforts of the Punjab government such incidents of innocent killings are continuing.

Punjab Police Smash 'Terrorist' Headquarters

BK100905 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] A PTI report says that Punjab police have smashed the headquarters of a terrorist group in Bahadur Hussein village near Batala. Five hard-core terrorists were arrested. A large amount of arms and ammuniton was also seized.

Hundreds of persons have taken out a silent procession in Pathankot town in protest against the killing of innocent persons in the state.

Punjab Prison Inspector General Killed

BK100737 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0730 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] News agency reports say that the Punjab inspector general of prisons, Mr Katoch, was shot dead by two scooter borne terrorists in Chandigarh this morning. The miscreants fired at him at a marketplace. He was rushed to hospital where he was declared dead. Senior police officials have rushed to the site and sealed off the area.

Punjab Official Condemns Killing

BK101259 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] The Punjab Pradesh [State] Congress-I general secretary, Dr Kewal Krishan, has strongly condemned the killing of Mr Katoch. Talking to newsmen in Chandigarh he urged the center to immediately intervene and save the situation in the state from further deterioration.

Meanwhile, the Punjab police arrested a notorious terrorist, Malkiet Singh, during nakabandi [posting guards to stop the entry in a place] in Kapurthala District last night. A PTI report says the Punjab police have also smashed the headquarters of a terrorist group in Bahadur Hussein village near Batala.

The Jammu and Kashmir state intelligence authorities have arrested three more alleged Pakistani agents from the border region of Jammu. With this they claimed to have smashed another active Pakistani espionage network operating from the Samba, Kathua, and Punchh areas of Jammu Division.

In Tripura, one of the TNV [Tribal National Volunteers] extremists involved in the killing of 11 people in Malbasa, has been captured along with 6 of his collaborators. They were captured during raid in three villages of Amarpur Division this morning.

Noted 'Terrorist', 4 Others Arrested in Punjab

BK091253 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 9 Jan 87

[Text] The BSF [Border Security Force] arrested an alleged terrorist Harjinder Singh in Gurdaspur District of Punjab last night. The BSF sources said that it is not confirmed whether the terrorist is Harjinder Singh alias Jinda who is wanted for various crimes, including the murder of [former Army Chief] General Vaidya. According to *United News if India*, BSF also arrested four terrorists, including a woman courier of arms at (Kadia) in Gurdaspur.

PRC Army Deputy Xu Huizi Arrives

Visits Rawalpindi Headquarters

BK121125 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1100 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] The deputy chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of China, Mr Xu Huizi, today visited the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi. He also held discussions with the vice chief of the Army Staff, General Khalid Mahmud Arif, on matters of common interest. He also attended a briefing of professional nature.

Meets Military Leaders

BK131610 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Xu Huizi, visiting PRC People's Liberation Army General Staff deputy chief, visited the General Staff headquarters and Air Force headquarters in Rawalpindi and the Navy headquarters in Islamabad today. He met Chairman Rahimuddin Khan, joint chief of the staff committee; Air Chief Marshal Jamal Ahmad Khan, Air Force chief; and Admiral Iftikhar Ahmed Sirohey, Navy chief. They exchanged views with them on matters of mutual interest. Gifts were also exchanged on this occasion.

Later, Xu Huizi visited an Pakistan Ordnance factory at Wah and saw the production of various products. Major General Talat Mosood, chairman of the Pakistan Ordnance Factories Board, hosted a luncheon in honor of Xu Huizi and presented him with models of a machine gun and a (?GFC) rifle. The Chinese General Staff deputy chief also attended a dinner hosted by Army Staff Vice Chief Khalid Mahmud Arif in Rawalpindi last night.

Meets With Zia

BK140258 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq yesterday conferred the Nishan-i-Imtiaz military award on Xu Huizi, PRC People's Liberation Army General Staff deputy chief, in Rawalpindi. Xu was given this award in recongnition of his efforts to stabilize relations between the two countries' armed forces and to bring the two nations closer to each other. Xu Huizi also had an exchange of views with the president on bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest. The president hosted a dinner in honor of the distinguished guest.

National Assembly Discusses Karachi Events

BK131154 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1100 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, is taking measures so that the happenings that took place in Karachi may not recur anywhere in Pakistan. This was stated by the interior minister, Mr Mohammad Aslam Khan Khattak, while winding up the debate in the National Assembly today on the recent unfortunate happenings in Karachi following the murder of two young girls and their father in the city.

He said the prime minister along with his cabinet colleagues will visit Karachi soon to assess and review the latest situation. He said the federal government is in direct contact with the Sind Government and assured that recommendations and suggestions made by the [National Assembly] members have been duly noted.

The interior minister urged the people not to make political capital of the happenings in Karachi, Sind, or elsewhere in the country. He said it is a national problem and should be solved in a national manner. He said the whole nation should be united to cope with the problem of law and order and the happenings in Karachi to prevent their recurrence. The interior minister said the government would do its utmost to eliminate narcotics trade and would launch a jihad against narcotics with the cooperation of the people. He assured the house on behalf of the prime minister that nobody will be allowed to escape for corruption whatever is his position or status.

The houses held discussion on these killings after suspending all its business on a motion moved by the minister for justice and parliamentary affairs, Mr Wasim Sajjad. Fifteen members who took part in the discussion were of the view that certain elements which do not want the strengthening of democratic institutions as well as the armed heroin mafia are responsible for the tragic incidents in Karachi.

The house will now meet again at 1000 tomorrow morning.

Violence in Karachi 12 Jan

BK121730 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1700 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] A press note issued by the deputy commissioner of Karachi West tonight says the daughters of the late Syed Mohammad Mausoom — Asma Jabin and Salma Jabin — were buried peacefully with the cooperation of the people of the area early this morning. However, miscreants set fire to tires, put up roadblocks, and stoned vehicles in sectors No 3, 5-D, and 5-A1 of north Karachi between 0900 and 1600 today. Road 6,000 near (Swari) town was the worst affected in these riots; some houses were damaged there. The police had to open fire to prevent more violence, which resulted in 18 injured and 63 arrested. Law enforcement agencies are patrolling the area, and the situation is under control.

Delhi: 3 Die in Ethnic Riots

BK131607 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Reports from Islamabad say that three persons were killed as fresh ethnic violence in Karachi spread to Hyderabad in Sind Province today. Violent crowds took to the streets and attacked the police with stones. The police retaliated, killing 3 persons and injuring 50 others. An indefinite curfew has been imposed in Hyderabad. Fighting between the Urdu-speaking Muhajirs and

Pathan settlers was sparked off in Karachi yesterday by the killing of three Muhajir members last week. Violence again erupted in the city when rampaging crowds started burning banks, houses, and hotels. Karachi has been tense ever since the ethnic riots began in November. About 240 persons have been killed so far. The Orangi area of Karachi continues to be under night curfew. The interior minister, Mr Khattak, said the prime minister will visit Karachi soon to review the situation.

Press Note on Karachi Violence

BK131715 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1700 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] The district magistrate of Karachi-West issued a press note tonight that says some miscreants obstructed traffic in New Karachi areas, burned tires and signboards, and threw stones. A group of miscreants set two banks on fire at about noon, severely damaging them. To prevent the banks from being completely gutted in fire, the police opened fire on the crowd, killing 1 person and injuring 26 others. More than 12 persons were arrested.

Later, a bus was set fire in (Godra) Colony in New Karachi.

Curfew Imposed in Karachi Area

BK140116 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0100 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] According to an announcement issued by the local administration in Karachi last night, a curfew has been imposed with immediate effect in the New Karachi police area. It will remain valid until further order. The curfew imposed in Hyderabad and Latifabad yesterday will also remain effective until further order.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Arrives in Tehran

NC100627 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0330 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan arrived in Tehran in the early hours of this morning. He was received by our country's foreign minister and Foreign Ministry officials, as well as ambassadors and representatives of Islamic countries.

On his arrival, the Pakistani foreign minister spoke to our correspondent about the purpose of his visit to Iran. He said: During this visit we will discuss and assess the situation in the region and the world, various issues and important topics of mutual interest, and relations between Iran and Pakistan. Referring to earlier visits by President Khamene'i, Foreign Minister Velayati, Islamic Guidance Minister Khatami, and other Iranian officials to Pakistan, he added: These visits helped to revitalize relations between the two countries and give them a new dynamism. I hope to be able to take this opportunity to fully discuss the problems of Afghanistan, the ICO meeting, and other subjects of mutual concern which were outlined by President Khamene'i during his visit to Pakistan. He declared: I have brought a message of friendship from the Pakistani people to the Iranian nation, and I hope to hold fruitful exchanges of views on most of the outstanding issues of which there is considerable unanimity and coordination between the two countries.

Discusses ICO Summit With Velayati

LD101134 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who is in Tehran heading a high-ranking Pakistani foreign minister delegation, began his first round of talks with Mr Velayati at the Foreign Ministry this morning and exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, including the regional and international situation. In the course of this meeting, Yaqub Khan said: As for the situation in the region, the most important issue is that of the Islamic summit which is due to start later this month. The summit is to take place under abnormal circumstances and we are concerned about it. Whether the Islamic summit is held in Kuwait or in our country, the conditions will be much more difficult than previous conferences and Iran's refusal to attend will weaken this summit.

In continuation of his remarks, Mr Sahabzada Yaqub Khan referred to the latest political and military developments surrounding the Afghanistan issue and said: After the withdrawal of the Soviet forces, the problem of Afghanistan should be solved within a few months and not in several years.

Mr Velayati said in connection with the Islamic summit: We had previously told Kuwait that it should adopt a neutral stance. However, they did not do so and their remarks demonstrate that they are incapable of fulfilling our request.

Mr Velayati added: We had hoped that the Kuwaiti Government would take one proper step for the sake of the Islamic summit, whereas right now they continue to assist Iraq and it is obvious that Kuwait is not neutral. This is something you can observe clearly too. He went on: The issue of lack of security [in Kuwait] is a fact. Therefore, the Islamic states should, as a whole, make a new decision and some of the countries have declared their readiness in this connection. If the members wish to save the Islamic conference they should change the summit venue. Then we will take part at the highest level and in a most active manner.

Holds Talks With Musavi

LD101215 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] In the course of a meeting with Pakistan's Foreign Affairs Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Prime Minister Musavi, while emphasizing the need for an exchange of views between high ranking authorities of Iran and Pakistan said: We believe that the Islamic nations are close to one another and we believe in the desire of the Islamic governments to come closer to one another under Islam's teachings.

Referring to the moves which Kuwait has undertaken in support of Iraq in military supplies [tadarokati], and in the political and propaganda fields, the prime minister said: Kuwait itself is one side of the war and we think that the Islamic summit should be held in an environment far from the battlefront.

While emphasizing the stances of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the war and conditions for ending the war, the prime minister added: Arms and ammunition are carried to Iraq via the Saffan highway, a few kilometers from the summit venue; and the Iraqi planes use Kuwaiti airspace to attack our country and ships in the Persian Gulf. Therefore, any decisions made by the summit in such an environment cannot be acceptable to us.

According to a Central News Unit report, also during this meeting the foreign affairs minister of Pakistan referred to the historic, common relations between Iran and Pakistan and once again extended Pakistani Prime Minister Junejo's invitation to Mr Musavi; and in connection with the Islamic Summit said: Iran's refusal to attend would create a large vacuum in the Islamic summit; Iran itself is the best judge for making a decision in this respect and we shall respect your decisions.

Meets With President Khamene'i

LD101845 Tehran IRNA in English 1820 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 10, IRNA — Discussion of important issues of the Muslim world calls for active participation of the majority of the heads of Muslim states in the summit of the Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO), which task will not be possible if the meet is held in "unsafe" Kuwait, said President Khamene'i in a meeting with the visiting Pakistani foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, here Saturday. President Khamene'i also noted that most Muslim countries will welcome postponement of the ICO meet for several months in order to select an alternative venue.

Reiterating the lack of security in Kuwait, President Khamene'i said that the ICO meet will be an ineffective session if it is held in this Sheikhdom and an unsatisfactory experience for the organisation. Yaqub Khan also expressed regret over the opposite viewpoints within the ICO but said "we should do our best to protect the Muslim world". The Pakistani minister said the presence of a top-level delegation from Iran which he believes is a big political power in the conference is of great importance.

Referring to the fruitful talks held between President Khamene'i and his Pakistani counterpart Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Islamabad and at [the] non-aligned summit in Harare, Yaqub Khan said expansion of bilateral relations initiated by the Iranian president will be pursued.

The two sides also discussed the Afghan issue in the meeting during which President Khamene'i said that the Soviet forces should evacuate the Afghan soil unconditionally and thereby ensure the right of self-determination for the Afghans in the future.

Yaqub Khan leading a political delegation arrived here Friday.

Terms Visit 'Positive'; Departs

NC110913 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who led a delegation to our country, departed Tehran this morning. He was seen off by Foreign Minister Velayati. Prior to his departure, he spoke with our correspondent about his visit and expressed his appreciation for the Islamic Republic of Iran's hospitality. He said: During this visit I talked with Iranian authorities about expanding ties between our countries, mutual economic concerns, the problem of convening the ICO session, and Afghanistan. We respect the Islamic Republic of Iran's views on the ICO session in Kuwait. We informed Iranian officials about our talks with the Soviet Union on Afghanistan. Khan deemed his visit and talks with Iranian authorities positive.

In an interview with our correspondent, Mr Velayati said that during this visit, which was in response to an official invitation from the Islamic Republic of Iran, bilateral relations, especially regarding economic and commercial exchange, were discussed and assessed. Regarding holding the ICO session in Kuwait, Velayati said: We conveyed our stance and noted Iran's inability to participate in the session due to Kuwait's unsuitability as a venue for a summit of Islamic heads of state. The foreign minister continued: Regarding Afghanistan, Mr Khan informed Iranian officials about progress in the talks between Pakistan and the Soviet Union, and we have asserted the Islamic Republic of Iran's principled stance.

According to the Central News Unit, the second round of talks between the Pakistani and Iranian foreign ministers last evening dealt with the expansion of bilateral cooperation and developments in the Afghan situation. During these talks, the Pakistani foreign minister said: We are reviewing the latest Soviet decision on withdrawing its forces from Afghanistan. Pakistan believes the nature of any future government in Afghanistan — to be established after Soviet forces leave that country — should be characterized by its nonaligned status and neutrality. In addition, the role of the mujahidin in setting up a future government must be outlined.

At last night's meeting our country's foreign minister expressed his satisfaction with existing ties between the two countries, saying: The Islamic Republic of Iran's stance on the Afghanistan issue is clear, and we believe that in any solution envisioned, the mujahidin and representatives of the Muslim nation of Afghanistan must be represented. In addition, the swift and unconditional withdrawal of Soviet forces is a prerequisite. The Afghan Muslim nation must have the opportunity to determine its own form of government without extraneous interference from foreign governments.

CSSR Foreign Trade Minister Arrives for Visit

LD130911 Tehran IRNA in English 0747 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — The Czech Foreign Trade Minister Bohumil Urban, arrived here Monday night heading an economic delegation to take part in the fifth session of the joint economic commission. He was welcomed by the Iranian industries minister, Gholam Reza Shafe'i.

Urban said that during this visit, the third since the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, he will discuss issues related to the commission with Shafe'i. Urban added that he will also hold talks with ministers of heavy industries, energy, and agriculture and discuss mutual cooperation and boosting of trade volume between the two countries. Bilateral cooperation, he said, should further increase in future and obstacles on this way should be removed.

Referring to the upward trend in trade ties between the two countries, Shafe'i said that Czechoslovakia purchases one million tons of oil from Iran annually. It has also expressed its desire to purchase the same amount this year. On volume of trade between the two countries, Shafe'i said that in the light of the oil price fall, it is expected to be about million dls. 300 this year.

Meets With Industries Minister

LD131456 Tehran IRNA in English 1448 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Visiting Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Trade Bohumil Urban and Iranian Industries Minister Gholam Reza Shafe'i discussed grounds for boosting Tehran-Prague cooperation here Tuesday. During the meeting, Shafe'i, remarking that Tehran-Prague relations have markedly increased over the past years, called for an increase of non-oil goods in Iran's exports to Czechoslovakia.

In response, Urban said that his country attaches great importance to its cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran and added that Czechoslovakia is ready to share its experiences in manufacturing machinery and raw materials with Iran. He also announced his country's desire to increase its non-oil imports from the Islamic Republic noting that 22 percent of Czechoslovakia's imports from Iran last year were non-oil goods. Czechoslovakia is prepared to transfer technological knowlege in

various industrial fields to the Islamic Republic, the Czechoslovak minister added.

Urban and his entourage will meet other Iranian officials during their three-day visit here and will sign a protocol on the outcome of their visit.

Views Cooperation With Nabavi

LD131919 Tehran IRNA in English 1750 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Iran and Czechoslovakia called for expansion of relations and carrying out of joint industrial projects, it was announced in a meeting between visiting Czech minister of foreign trade, Bohumil Urban and Iran's Minister of Heavy Industries Behzad Nabavi, here Tuesday.

At the meeting, Urban said that Iran and Czechoslovakia are witnessing good and positive developments in commercial relations and bilateral cooperation. He added that his country is willing to hold further talks with Iranian officials for exploiting new fields of cooperation.

Urban said that Czechoslovakia is willing to cooperate with the Islamic Republic in producing industrial purpose pumps in addition to purchasing aluminium pipes and other non-oil products from Iran. He added that his country is prepared to establish a machinery training center as well as a repair shop whose job would involve repairing power stations.

In response, Nabavi said that because Czechoslovakia has dealt with Iran in an honorable manner then there was no reason why bilateral relations should not continue to expand. Nabavi said that the Islamic Republic Government was determined to export non-oil goods in order to compensate for raw material imports used by domestic industries.

On industrial cooperation, the Iranian official said that his ministry is willing to establish a joint tool manufacturing plant with Czechoslovakia which would supply both countries with its products as well as export them.

The Czech foreign trade minister arrived here Monday night at the head of an economic delegation to participate in the fifth session of the joint economic commission.

Holds Talks With Energy Minister

LD131927 Tehran IRNA in English 1859 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Tehran-Prague cooperation in the field of energy was discussed in a meeting between visiting Czech Minister of Foreign Trade Bohumil Urban and Iranian Energy Minister Mohammad Taki Banki here Tuesday. During the meeting, Banki said that the Islamic Republic of Iran gives priority to its relations with a friendly country like Czechoslovakia.

Referring to Czechoslovakia's cooperation with the Islamic Republic, Banki expressed hope that such friendly relations would further expand in the future. Banki also lauded Czech contractors for their progress in excavation work in Iran.

Urban referred to an Iranian Energy Ministry plan for establishing a repair workshop and proposed that both Iranian and Czech experts review the plan. He also lauded the Islamic Republic for providing necessary facilities for Czech contractors.

The two also underlined the need to expand Iran-Czechoslovakia technical and industrial cooperation especially in the field of energy.

The Czechoslovak minister arrived here Monday night at the head of an economic delegation.

Romania's Ancuta Signs Addendum, Departs

NC140644 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Romanian Deputy Prime Minister Mr Ancuta, who came to our country at the head of a delegation of senior economic officials, left Tehran for home this morning. He was seen off by Plan and Budget Minister Roghani-Zanjani and the Romanian charge d'affaires in the Islamic Republic of Iran. At the end of his visit, Mr Ancuta, along with Mr Roghani-Zanjani, signed an addendum to the bilateral cooperation protocol.

In an exclusive interview with our correspondent marking the Romanian deputy prime minister's departure, our country's plan and budget minister remarked: Mr Ancuta has had numerous meetings with officials and ministers of the Islamic Republic on follow-up measures to our bilateral protocol. He also brought along a message from President Ceaucescu for our president stressing the expansion of our economic ties. During the Romanian official's stay, we managed to reach a consensus on the sale of 2 million tons of oil and a million tons of petroleum by-products.

As for the investment [word indistinct] in the protocol, it has been revealed that in various sessions with industrial ministers, plans were presented focusing on chemicals and the manufacture of tractors, which Romania sells to Iran. The transfer of technology for their production was discussed as well, and it was decided to have Romania study this matter and present specific recommendations. On the subject of non-oil exports, the members of the Romanian delegation spoke with the minister of agriculture and the Foundation for the Oppressed. Their talks led to the drafting of a list of goods we can export to that country.

In addition, the export of mineral concentrates was discussed and it was decided that we should adhere to our previous agreement, which specifies a level of 80,000 tons. Our country's plan and budget minister added: We included an appendix to the current protocol, and part of the Romanian delegation will remain in Tehran until all the details regarding its implementation have been worked out and our final objectives attained. Mr Roghani-Zanjani added: The value of trade in kind will remain as it was under the previous protocol, about $1.5 billion. We hope it can be extended for another year. As for products other than oil, we had some problems over their price and quality. In any event, we

reached a consensus based on international prices. If accepted by Romania, this will lead to a considerable increase in our level of exports. The protocol for the current year predicts that exports of non-oil commodities will cover roughly 20 percent of our imports from Romania.

Montazeri Urges Abandonment of Iraq's Saddam

LD131251 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] After his religious lecture this morning Grand Ayatollah Montazeri, offering condolences on the anniversary of the demise of Fatimah al-Zahra, [Prophet Mohammad's daughter] peace be upon her, asked those clergymen who are competent in science and religious information to meet the publicity requirements of the battlefronts and to go to the front during these days which belong to Fatimah al-Zahra, peace be upon her, and which coincide with remarkable victories by the combatants of Islam. His eminence also asked the clergymen to convey his greetings to the dear warriors of Islam and to note that, although martyrdom is a great honor for any person, the main objective is to gain victory against the enemies of Islam.

Grand Ayatollah Montazeri expressed hope that all the knowledgeable forces, the students and other warriors at the fronts will return victoriously to run the state in the future. His eminence graciously said: We hope that our dear combatants, who have been engaged in a relentless battle for several days and have exhausted the Zionist enemy, will continue their fight and will realize that Saddam and the Ba'th Party now resemble a mad wounded camel which cannot be tamed by anybody. Saddam has attacked cities, martyred women and small children, bombed the poor quarters of cities, including the Arab areas of Susangerd and Ramhormoz, and has destroyed people's houses; all this proves his insanity.

Grand Ayatollah Montazeri graciously said: Saddam claimed to defend pan-Arabism and changed the name of Ahvaz to Al-Ahwaz; so why is he now bringing death and destruction to the defenseless Arab inhabitants of Susangerd, Ramhormoz, and other areas by missile fire and aerial bombing? Are they not Arab-speaking people? It is amazing to see that such individuals as Saddam have become supporters of Arabism and Islam and are holding an Islamic conference. It is a pity that Islam lends its name to this conference.

His eminence graciously went on: When the enemy is wounded like a snake, and becomes like a wounded mad camel, then no sensible person should suggest that we negotiate with such an enemy. We hope that new forces of the Army, Guards Corps, the mobilization warriors, Gendarmeries, tribesmen, and others will go to the battlefronts, and we hope that the brothers and commanders in charge of the war learn from the experience of the victory at Khorramshahr and subsequent battles and arm the combative forces as fast as possible to pursue the enemy. Thus, when the enemy is crushed and defeated, it should be pursued and the war should reach a decisive stage and end before the superpowers rearm the enemy again.

His eminence graciously said: The sheykhs of the Persian Gulf region should realize that if they desire to see an early end to the war, they should stop their financial and military assistance to Iraq. Had they not given such assistance to Saddam after the outbreak of war, the war would soon have ended. They are wrong to imagine that, by maintaining Saddam, he will become their servant. Even now, when Saddam is in a position of dire weakness, he is daily creating new games for Kuwait. One day he demands Bubiyan Island and another day he resorts to extortion. Some time ago Iraqi espionage was exposed in Bahrain. The Persian Gulf littoral states do not realize that if Saddam is given a respite he will turn against all of them.

His eminence graciously added: Do not think that you can convene a so-called Islamic summit in Kuwait for decorative purposes, so that four individuals like Saddam and King Husayn can sit around and issue a resolution condemning Iran. Do you think any such condemnation would have any benefit or value? You have done this several times before. Who paid any attention to you and your resolutions, so that you would be encouraged to sit around again and issue another resolution? The traitor Saddam is a criminal, a follower of the 'Aflaqis [named after founder of Ba'th Party] and communists and he will never care about Islam and the Muslims.

Abandon Saddam, for he is dead and can never be revived. Whether you like it or not, the combatants of Islam will be victorious. The shame of defeat will remain with you and the superpowers supporting Saddam. It is in your interest to abandon such wishful, pointless summits. Instead you should really decide to cooperate with the Islamic Republic.

Serve the interests of Islam, the Muslims, and your own people and stop adding to the chains of the United States and Soviet Union which hang around your necks. Do not place the resources and oil of the Islamic countries at their disposal and do not bow before them as humble slaves. The leaders of the superficially Islamic states should realize that the United States will never agree to give them one-tenth the aid it provides to Israel. The United States is using the assets and funds of the Islamic countries to arm Israel, that enemy of Islam and the Muslims. Wake up and safeguard your Islamic honor and stop ridiculing Islam so much.

His eminence graciously said: Since these operations began with the codename "Zahra," and since these days belong to her Holiness Zahra, peace be upon her, I hope that experienced and trained forces will hasten to help the dear warriors, and the esteemed military commanders will also strive to attack the Zionist enemy with proper training of forces, in full readiness and without slogans. May God bring full victory to this nation with the blessing of Holy Zahra and her father, husband, and children, may God's blessing be on them all.

In conclusion, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri said prayers for victory by the combatants of Islam in Iran, Lebanon, Afghanistan and other countries, for recovery of the wounded and disabled, for success of the pious servants, and for annihilation of Saddam and other criminals, and he asked Almighty God to grant a long, healthy, and blessed life to the leader of the revolution.

Congratulates, Condoles Nation

LD111001 Tehran IRNA in English 0915 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] Qom, Jan 11, IRNA — Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri in a message here Sunday congratulated the Iranian nation on the latest victories and also expressed his condolences to the famlies of the martyrs of the Iraqi air and missile attacks on Iranian cities.

In a message to Friday prayer leaders of the cities of Esfahan, Borujerd, Dezful, Ramhormoz, Susangerd, and Nahavand, the ayatollah expressed his deep condolences to the families of the martyrs and people of the cities. Further in his message he said that the Iraqi ruler by resorting to such barbaric acts wished to prolong survival of its brutal regime for a few more days.

Ayatollah Montazeri expressed hope that the Muslim forces of Iran at the war fronts, with the help of God Almighty would put an end to the Iraqi regime.

Musavi, Cabinet Receive 'Good' News From Fronts

LD141003 Tehran IRNA in English 0958 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Excerpt] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi said here Wednesday that the cabinet ministers received "good and beautiful news from the southern and western fronts, indicating great movement of our combatants." The prime minister, speaking after a cabinet meeting, said that in the western fronts Muslim forces inflicted heavy blows on the Iraqi enemy, breaking the backbone of the Ba'thist army. [passage omitted]

Musavi Vows Revenge for Iraqi Missile Attacks

LD132209 Tehran IRNA in English 1900 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi in a message to survivors of recent Iraqi missile and bombing attacks on Iranian cities on Tuesday vowed that Iranian combatants will avenge the blood of martyrs on the battlefields, on Tuesday.

The message broadcast on the nation-wide radio said "You should not expect international organizations which claim to be protecting human rights to take revenge on Saddam Husayn's Ba'thist regime, because we are fighting for the sake of Islam." "Shouldn't the world public opinion wonder why Saddam Husayn does not fight Iran at the war fronts and why international organizations are silent vis-a-vis such Iraqi crimes?" the message asked. The premier also asked the world people to ponder on the massacre of more than 60 school children in Borujerd this week as well as other innocent people in Iraqi air raids. "We will avenge the blood of your martyrs on the battlefields in an Islamic manner... your combatants will certainly not allow Saddam Husayn to rest at peace," Musavi vowed.

The message reiterated that becuase Iran's Muslim forces are fighting for the sake of Islam and in compliance with the Islamic shari'ah (law) they cannot perpetrate such satanic acts as those of the Iraqi regime. The premier also said, "Of course we are resisting the enemy for the sake of Islam and are the master of our fate."

Velayati on Iraqi 'Atrocities,' 'Retaliation'

LD131748 Tehran IRNA in English 1738 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati cabled a message to the head of the Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO) Sharifuddin Pirzada in the wake of escalated Iraqi attacks on Iranian residential areas here Tuesday. In his message Velayati warned that Iran considers it her legitimate right to retaliate by any means necessary Iraqi atrocities, especially its repeated use of chemical weapons against Iranians, if immediate measures are not taken by international organisations.

Velayati said not only Iraqi regime but also international forums which have so far been unable to prevent the Ba'thist regime from using chemical weapons will bear the grave consequences of Iranian retaliation.

Hundreds of civilians were martyred or wounded in Iraqi air and missile attacks over the past few days, with no reaction so far by any world body.

Cables ICRC on 'Criminal Acts'

LD131909 Tehran IRNA in English 1807 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati sent a message Tuesday to President of International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) Alexandre Hay urging him to condemn the repeated Iraqi criminal acts. The message called for ICRC to take appropriate measures and prevent such acts on the basis of the fourfold Geneva conventions and the statement of July 30th, 1986 banning deployment of chemical weapons and attacks on residential areas. The message said that Iraqi regime has savagely deployed chemical weapons in the operational regions violating all human, moral, and international principles, contrary to the Geneva Convention of August 1949 and also 1925 Geneva Protocol. Baghdad has subjected Iranian residential areas to missile attacks and aerial bombardment, it added.

The Ba'thist regime has targetted residential areas of Iranian cities to its missile attacks and aerial bombings as a result of which hundreds of innocent civilians have been martyred and injured. Regretfully no international organization has shown any reaction so far.

Tehran Views Implications of Karbala-5

NC132104 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Central News Unit Research Group commentary: "The Karbala-5 Operations and International and Regional Conditions"]

[Excerpts] The Karbala-5 operations are taking place on the southern fronts of the country at a time when the Islamic

Republic of Iran has attained a greater degree of political stability internationally. Iran's strategic importance has been admitted by the superpowers. Of course this stability has only been achieved by the resistance of the people and the Islamic combatants. The West has acknowledged that the Iranian revolution cannot be ignored and that Iran is of vital strategic importance, but these facts are not new. The truth is that Iran has always been important. This was the case before the West admitted it. It is only because of the resistance of the people and the Islamic warriors that those who consider themselves in control of the situation have recognized the greatness of a revolution and the determination of a nation.

Meanwhile, those enemies who seek to wage psychological warfare and seize every opportunity to do so interpret the Western acknowledgement as support for the revolution. A review of the events of the past few years and the propaganda of the Western world proves that, with its plots doomed to failure, the West now insists — having erroneously ignored the fact earlier — that the Islamic resurgence which manifested itself in Iran in the aftermath of the revolution poses the greatest danger to their vital interests. [passage omitted]

The U.S. Government, which had dreams of success, is now faced with a crisis that has caused its diplomacy as well as its officials to sicken, and discrepancies have surfaced in a manner unprecedented in its internal and foreign policy. U.S. hopes of resuming ties with an anti-imperialist revolution offered one major advantage; namely, proving to international public opinion that the Islamic Republic of Iran has come to stay, and is blessed with a stability that cannot be ignored. The Karbala-5 operations began against such a backdrop. The world listens as minute by minute the news comes in of the Islamic combatants' victories, taking concrete form after long having been predicted or expected.

On the regional level, the Karbala-5 operations were initiated following the momentous conference of opponents of the Iraqi regime that took place in Tehran. The Conference on Solidarity with the Iraqi People was convened with extensive participation by Saddam's opponents, and parties unable to attend regretted their inability to do so. [passage omitted]

In the Middle East context, the Karbala-5 operations commenced as clashes were still going on in Lebanon. It is clear that the internecine strife is taking place in an anti-Islamic and counterrevolutionary atmosphere, as Yasir 'Arafat, the initiator of the fighting, passes on the instructions he receives from Baghdad. Here is clear proof that if the Baghdad regime is further weakened this will help to quell the flames of the camps war in Lebanon. The only plan to end the fighting that was accepted by the Palestinian and Lebanese forces was the Islamic Republic of Iran's proposal for a cease-fire and talks. The acceptance and welcome accorded to this plan, along with the important operations of the Islamic resistance against the Israeli mercenaries, indicate the extent of the Islamic revolution's influence in the region. [passage omitted]

Of supreme significance are the efforts of the Islamic combatants on the battlefronts, which are gradually changing the political geography of the region. The East's endeavors to provide assistance to Iraq — the aggressor and initiator of the war — and the Western powers' attempts to tarnish the image of the revolution will not succeed. They are like foam on the surface of the water, and will be destroyed when the tidal wave comes. What will remain will be the stability of Islam and the Muslims. This is an immutable reality which will be written on the pages of history.

Kuwait's 'Blatant Participation' in War Cited

LD101326 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, diplomatic sources in Kuwait have declared: This Shaykhdom, in its latest flagrant interference in the imposed war, has embarked on securing the cost of Basra's defense network. According to this report, Iraq and Kuwait signed a bilateral military agreement on 10 November — the 19th of Aban last — according to which the Kuwaiti regime will secure the cost of the new defense network of Iraq's forces on the Basra front.

According to the agreement, the Iraqi regime has cut off and uprooted 400,000 to 500,000 palm trees in the groves of Basra. Foreign diplomats in Kuwait have described the agreement as blatant participation on the part of Kuwait in the imposed war. According to these diplomats, the Kuwaiti regime, by also donating dozens of bulldozers and hundreds of trucks which recently reached Basra, has already begun to carry out parts of this military project.

Former Majlis Deputy Admits Aiding Ba'thists

LD101101 Tehran IRNA in English 1029 GMT 10 Jan 87

[Text] Zahedan, Sistan-Baluchestan Prov., Jan 10, IRNA — Former Majlis deputy from the city of Iranshahr Mowlavi Nazar Mohammad Didgah arrested on December 4 on charges of sowing discord among the people of this province, voluntarily confessed to his mistakes in a televised interview Friday. He said that he had abused his position, by exploiting the naivete of the people and the trust of the Islamic Republic Government

Mowlavi Nazar said that he went along with anti-Islamic elements in their subversive activities and confessed that he commited works that were in favor of the Iraqi Ba'thist regime and the Zionist aggressors. He further added that at a time when the combatant forces were fighting the Ba'thist troops he was engaged in illegal activity detrimental to national security.

The previous Majlis deputy also said the name of the Islamic Republic of Iran now shines in the world and the oppressed are looking upon it to bring them salvation, too. "The world today hopes to find its way to salvation through the Islamic Republic of Iran," he added. He finally expressed hope that he would be able to compensate for his mistakes.

Opposition Radio Starts Broadcasting in Iraq

PM091601 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 31 Dec 86 p 2

[Report by unidentified *Keyhan* correspondent from "The Western Fronts"]

[Text] The sound of "The Voice of the Oppressed in Iraq" [So't al-Mostaz'afin fi al-Iraq] radio has been heard in the western Iranian provinces and in northern Iraq since yesterday.

According to the *Keyhan* correspondent sent to the area, this radio is broadcasting on medium wave [no further details given]. During a statement read out in its inaugural program, the radio announced that it had started operations to organize combatant forces opposing the Ba'thist regime and to disseminate news of the popular Iraqi struggles occurring inside Iraqi territory. This is why The Voice of the Oppressed has started functioning. In addition to this, the radio teaches people the necessary training for operations aimed at toppling the Zionist regime in Iraq [as published].

This report indicates that the establishment of the radio station follows the conclusion of the Conference of Solidarity With the Iraqi People recently held in Tehran and could have decisive consequences for the morale of the Iraqi people. It must be noted that some time ago a publication with the same name was distributed in northern Iraq and Iraqi Kurdistan with the same goals.

Further on Combat Operations, Karbala-5

Iraqi Infantry Positions Bombed

LD131448 Tehran IRNA In English 1442 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 13, IRNA — Iranian fighter bombers heavily bombed positions of Iraqi infantry and armoured units in this war theater at 13:05 hours (09:35 GMT), Tuesday. Following the bombardment, columns of smoke were seen billowing from the destroyed enemy military equipment.

Presidential Guards Unit 'Destroyed'

LD131501 Tehran IRNA in English 1442 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Theater, Jan 13, IRNA — Forty percent of the Third Brigade of Iraq's elite Presidential Guards was destroyed by Muslim forces of Iran in this war theater Monday night. A considerable number of the brigade's personnel were either killed, wounded, or captured.

The Second, Fifth, and 11th Brigades of the Presidential Guard division have already suffered losses raging from 20 to 90 percent by Iranian forces.

The elite Presidential Guards Division comprises the most expert armymen and is deployed by the Iraqi regime only in crucial and emergency cases.

35th Iraqi Aircraft Downed

LD131511 Tehran IRNA in English 1506 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 13, IRNA — Another Iraqi plane was shot down over the operational theater here by anti-aircraft fire of the Islamic combatants Tuesday. This brings to 35 the number of enemy planes downed by Iran since operation Karbala-5 was launched in Shalamcheh region early Friday.

170 Civilians Killed in Iraqi Raids

LD131539 Tehran IRNA in English 1528 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — One hundred and seventy civilians were martyred as residential areas in Bakhtaran and Khorramabad cities were bombed by intruding Iraqi warplanes on Tuesday.

In Bakhtaran, 90 civilians were martyred and some others wounded in the inhuman Iraqi air raid. Several residential areas also sustained heavy damage.

Iraqi jet fighters also bombed civilians areas in Khorramabad, Lorestan Province, Tuesday martyring 80 persons and wounding many others.

IRNA Rounds up Successes

LD131841 Tehran IRNA in English 1809 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 13, IRNA — With Iraq's 'iron citadel', the 10 km long so-called impenetrable defense line east of Basra lying in virtual shambles, the heroic combatants of Islam are edging towards Iraq's second largest city Basra, according to the last minute report from the front lines.

The 5th day of the on-going Karbala-5 operations, resulted in the liberation of over 100 square kms of Shalamcheh region, including all its outposts, and to cap it all two strategic islands in the area, Al-Baljaniyah and Umm al-Tuwaylah fell to the Muslim forces, Tuesday.

The casualty toll of enemy forces since the start of the operations, last Friday till Tuesday evening stands at 18,500, and so far 1,360 POW's have been transferred behind the lines. The number of Iraqi aircraft downed in the operations reached 35.

Scores of tanks and armoured personnel carriers litter the battlefield, along with enemy corpses, which resembles a graveyard of Iraqi soldiers and equipment.

The following Iraqi brigades suffered extensive damage:

Brigade 28 of the 8th Division, extensive losses;
Infantry Brigade 19 of 7th Corps, 50 p.c.;
Brigade 68 of the Special Forces, totally smashed;
Commando Brigade of 7th Corps, 40 p.c.;
Brigade 3 of Presidential Guards, 40 p.c.;
Brigades 2, 5, 11 of Presidential Guards, 20-90 p.c.;
3, 4, and 7th Corps, in total disarray;
Brigade 102, totally routed.

Two counterattacks by the enemy were soundly beaten back Tuesday and Colonel Sa'adi Hamel Ghidan [name as received] of Brigade 68 of the Iraqi Special Forces was killed.

The Baghdad regime got a rude awakening midnight as a missile fired by the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC shook the Iraqi capital at 00:55 hours local time Tuesday (21:55 GMT Monday). The missile which hit a trade centre was launched in retaliation for the increasing attacks of Iraqi warplanes upon residential areas in Iran.

Iraqi Counterattacks 'Repulsed'

LD131744 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] According to a report received a few moments ago from the Khatem ol-Anbiya' Headquarters of joint operations of the Islamic Republic of Iran, following the victory of the combatants of Islam and after their positions were reinforced and fortified, the Iraqi 2d Guard Division composed of four brigades and reinforced twice tried to launch a counterattack. Nevertheless, our able and mighty forces with their indescribable bravery and courage, not only repulsed the enemy counterattack and killed a large number of Iraqi special forces, but also captured an enemy position and established themselves there.

In this conflict the forces of Islam made use of their powerful tank and artillery fire, as well as the courageous action of antiarmour forces, and they destroyed a substantial part of the enemy's equipment and hardware. In addition, the Iraqi 102d Infantry Brigade, which had intended to approach the operational areas, was thrown into disarray by the heavy tank and artillery fire of the forces of Islam. The remainder of that unit, with patently obvious fear and terror, fled the scene.

The report says that an enemy column north of the flooded area was fully destroyed under artillery and Katyusha fire. The tank fire of the Army of Islam blocked the enemy rear, brought his equipment and hardware under fire, and pounded the column so hard that all its elements were either killed or wounded, and their vehicles set ablaze.

In addition, the evacuation of a further group of Iraqi POW's to the rear has brought to 1,360 the total number of enemy POW's evacuated to the rear since the launch of the offensive.

Communique No 9 Issued

LD131726 Tehran IRNA in English 1703 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Khatem ol-Anbiya', [no date as received] the joint Army-IRGC headquarters in its 9th communique said that Muslim forces of Iran advanced 10 kilometers deep inside the theater towards Basra Tuesday liberating at least 100 square kms of western parts of the strategic region of Shalamcheh.

Iran's Muslim forces ambushed Iraqi troops in the heart of the Shalamcheh region Tuesday afternoon killing or wounding a large number of enemy soldiers and inflicting heavy damage on several enemy military units, it said.

The headquarters said that fifty percent of Iraqi Infantry Brigade 19 and Brigade 3 of the Presidential Guards Division as well as Brigade 28 of the Eighth Division were destroyed and the rest forced to flee in the lightning Iranian assault.

The Iranian Muslim combatants by having broken through the most fortified Iraqi positions in Shalamcheh and Fish Lake now have a firm grip on the regional outposts and on two islands of Umm al-Tuwaylah and Al-Baljaniyah, it said.

Khatem ol-Anbiya', [as received] added that another Iraqi warplane was shot down in the Karbala-5 operations Tuesday bringing to 35, the number of enemy jet fighters downed since early Friday.

Scores of tanks and armoured personnel carriers together with many vehicles of Iraqi troops were hit and destroyed by Iranian artillery fire on Tuesday, the headquarters said.

The Khatem ol-Anbiya' communique furthermore said that the Muslim forces of Iran are now fortifying their positions and preventing Iraqi troops from carrying out any military operations by their heavy artillery fire.

36th Iraqi Aircraft Downed

LD140628 Tehran IRNA in English 0623 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Khatem ol-Anbiya' Hq., Jan 14, IRNA — Another Iraqi fighter was downed late Tuesday night in operational region of Karbala-5 region, by air defence units of the Muslim forces of Iran. The plane which had caught fire crashed in the region, bringing the total number of the aircraft downed by Iran since start of the operation, now in its fifth day, to 36.

Iraqi Forces Use Chemical Weapons

LD140623 Tehran IRNA in English 0620 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — Iraqi forces dropped chemical bombs on sectors of the front line of the Muslim forces of Iran Tuesday [13 January] noon. Scores of Iranian forces were afflicted by the toxic chemicals who were immediately transferred behind war fronts for treatment.

The high winds blowing in the area carried portions of the toxic substances to positions of the Iraqi forces as well, contaminating the area and injuring a number of them. In similar occasions in the past, the Iraqi forces themselves have fallen victims to their own chemical weapons.

The War Information Headquarters (WIH) spokesman, Tuesday once again warned international organisations against the renewed Iraqi deployment of toxic bombs and urged them not to remain silent towards the crimes of the Iraqi regime.

The WIH spokesman called on international bodies to react to violation of human rights by the Iraqi regime and protest against Iraqi violation of internationally recognised conventions.

Civilians Killed in Iraqi Air Raids

LD140659 Tehran IRNA in English 0650 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — Iraqi planes bombed residential areas in the central city of Esfahan at 19:53 hours GMT Tuesday. Reports reaching here early Wednesday said that bodies of 13 civilians have been so far [been] pulled out [of] debris. Seven others were injured. Some 10 shops were destroyed and 40 others damaged in the Iraqi air raid. Relief operation continues.

Meanwhile, residential quarters in the southern city of Dezful were bombed by Iraqi planes at 18:18 hours GMT Tuesday in which one civilian was martyred and a number of others were injured. Several houses and shops were damaged.

Ten minutes earlier than raid on Esfahan, Iraqi planes violated airspace of the central province city of Arak but were forced to flee by anti-air defence units of Muslim combatants prior to carrying out any mission. The Iraqi planes broke the sound barrier of the city while leaving its airspace. The red alert siren sounded in Tehran was due to violation of Arak's airspace.

Operation Launched on Western Front

LD140727 Tehran IRNA in English 0724 GMT 14 Jan 87

["New Operation Launched in Western Front" — IRNA headline]

[Excerpt] Western Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Muslim combatants of Iran launched a limited operation in western front Tuesday night in order to re-take areas under the occupation of Iraqi forces. The Muslim combatants have achieved fresh victories, details of which will follow later.

Simultaneously with the ongoing victorious Karbala-5 operation in southern fronts, Muslim forces of Iran launched a new operation in western fronts, north of Sumar, Tuesday night, to liberate areas under the occupation of the aggressor Iraqi forces. During the successful operation, the Muslim combatants liberated parts of the Iranian territory.

In the new operation in western fronts, the Muslim forces of Iran achieved their pre-determined targets, liberating areas in the western operational region and inflicting heavy casualties on the Iraqi enemy forces. Damage on Iraqi weaponry and equipment is considerable, early reports from the operational region said. [passage omitted]

Forces Attack Iraqi Commando Brigade

LD140817 Tehran IRNA in English 0808 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — The Muslim forces of Iran in a new attack in Shalamcheh region, Wednesday morning, inflicted heavy losses and casualties on the Iraqi 11th Commando Brigade, destroying it by 80 percent.

Early in the operation, now in its fifth day, the brigade had received crushing blows from the Iranian forces. It was later reorganised and dispatched to the battlefields. In the early hours of the attack the commander and the deputy commander of the brigade were severely wounded. All personnel of the battalion leading the brigade were killed, wounded, or taken captive.

Following the humiliating defeat, the remainder of the personnel of the brigade fled the battlefield. The Muslim forces of Iran chased the Iraqi commandos, killing or injuring a large number of them.

3 Heights North of Sumar Captured

LD140911 Tehran IRNA in English 0906 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Western Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — The Heights No 305, 325, 245, north of Sumar, western Iran were taken over by the Muslim combatants of Iran, Tuesday night. The Iranian forces launched a limited operation code named "Ya Zahra", in Sumar region to liberate areas under Iraqi occupation.

The area between the peak and slopes of the heights is filled with bodies of the dead Iraqi military personnel. The Iranian forces in their Tuesday night advance inflicted heavy losses and casualties on personnel of the Second Iraqi Corps in the region.

Part of Iraq's 3d Corps 'Destroyed'

LD140800 Tehran IRNA in English 0750 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — The Muslim combatants of Iran in continuation of their victorious Karbala-5 operation, thrust into Iraqi positions and fortifications, Tuesday night. In this operation, the Iranian forces destroyed another part of units of Iraq's Third Corps.

Downed Iraqi Aircraft Total 37

LD140722 Tehran IRNA in English 0654 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Another Iraqi plane which intended to bomb positions of Muslim combatants of Iran was downed in the operational region Wednesday morning. This brings to 37 the number of Iraqi planes downed since the operational [as received] was launched last Friday.

A number of Iraqi planes attempted to bomb positions of Muslim forces of Iran in the region but were forced to flee by [words indistinct].

38th Iraqi Aircraft Shot Down

LD140730 Tehran IRNA in English 0720 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — One more Iraqi plane was downed in Karbala-5 operational region Wednesday morning, the second in the day. The plane, a Tupolev, was on a mission to bombard positions of the Muslim combatants of Iran but was downed before carrying out its mission. The plane which was downed here earlier was also a Tupolev.

The two planes downed here Wednesday morning bring the total number of aircraft downed since Friday, to 38.

Tank Units Cut Iraqi Supply Lines

LD140905 Tehran IRNA in English 0855 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — New tactics employed by the armoured and tank units of the Muslim forces of Iran, in ongoing Karbala-5 operation, Wednesday, kept Iraqi forces under heavy and accurate fire, severing the link between the Iraqi front line forces and support units. In this attack the Iranian forces set ablaze tens of Iraqi vehicles, personnel carriers, and munitions.

The anti-tank units of Iran backed by ground forces penetrated deep into enemy positions and destroyed a large number of tanks in the area west of the Fish Lake. The area has been turned into a graveyard of Iraqi tanks and personnel carriers. The whole area is filled with Iraqi vehicles and tanks as well as personnel.

Iraqis Say Situation 'Crucial'

LD140908 Tehran IRNA in English 0857 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Theater, Jan 14, IRNA — Some Iraqi officers and soldiers took refuge with Iran's Muslim forces Wednesday morning after being besieged in Buwarin [spelling as received] District in this theater over the past few days.

The refugees described their situation over the past few days as "crucial" and added that the Iraqi troops are facing serious water, food, and ammunition shortages since Iranian forces besieged them in the region. Iraqi refugees are from Infantry Brigade 23 of the 8th Division, Infantry Brigade 47 of the 11th Division, and Infantry Brigade 112.

Captured Commander on Operations

LD140902 Tehran IRNA in English 0839 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — According to a commander of Iraqi Brigade 95, two battalions of the brigade were smashed, suffering 70 percent and another 40 percent losses in the lightning attacks of the Muslim forces of Iran here Monday and an attempted counterattack by the brigade was smashed.

In an interview with IRNA here Tuesday, Lieutenant Colonel Vali Alvan Hamadi, captured in the course of the ongoing Karbala-5 operations, said that his troops intended to crush the Iranian forces in a heavy counterattack. But, the surprise attack of the Muslim forces of Iran inflicted heavy casualties on the Iraqi brigade, he added.

The senior Iraqi officer further told IRNA that Colonel Qasim, commander of the brigade and ten other officers including communications officer and the officer in charge of chemical attacks were killed in the Iranian attack. Iraqi casualty toll in the Iranian attack was so high that only few Iraqi troops survived, who either fled the battlefields or were captured. Hundreds of the personnel were killed, Lieutentant Colonel Alvan told IRNA.

On deployment of chemical weapons by the Iraqi regime, the commander said that although Iraq itself is a signatory of the Geneva Convention banning stockpiling and deployment of toxic weapons, it has repeatedly dropped chemical bombs on Iranian positions.

On the ongoing Karbala-5 operation launched in the southern fronts last Friday, the senior Iraqi officer said that the attack has inflicted high casualties on the Iraqi Army. In addition, he added, the Iraqi regime is now faced with flight of residents of the Iraqi port city of Basra and foreign experts in particular from the city. Therefore, the Iraqi regime has ordered the military personnel to prevent people of the city from abandoning, he added.

Forces Liberate 64 KMS in Sumar

LD140926 Tehran IRNA in English 0920 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Bakhtaran, Jan 14, IRNA — Muslim combatants of Iran liberated 64 sq. kms of mountainous areas in Sumar operational region, western fronts, and captured Abu 'Ubaydah outpost inside Iraqi territory. A commander in the operational region told IRNA that Muslim forces launched their assault in two axes, liberating the outpost on the skirts of 'Kohne Rig' [name as received] heights and positioning themselves for access to several other strategic heights as well. The Muslim forces of Iran early Wednesday repelled two Iraqi counteroffensives, he said.

IRNA reporters who visited the liberated region said in their reports that Kohne Rig heights are located in one of the most strategic areas and had been mined by Iraqi forces.

Abu 'Ubaydah outpost is located beside (Kanga Kush) River along-side which the enemy had built a pass for the reinforcement of its troops in the front line. The pass was also taken over by the Muslim forces. Burnt vehicles of the Iraqi forces could be seen beside the pass, the report said.

36 'More' KMS Liberated

LD140940 Tehran IRNA in English 0927 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Western Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Thirty six more square kms in northern Sumar were liberated by Iran's Muslim forces Wednesday bringing to 100 square kms the total area liberated since the start of the surprise Iranian attack Tuesday night.

The liberated areas had been occupied by the Ba'thist Iraqi troops since the beginning of the Iraqi-imposed war on 22 September, 1980.

7 'Strategic Heights' Liberated

LD140931 Tehran IRNA in English 0923 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Western Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Seven strategic heights in this region were liberated last night in the

surprise Iranian attack on Iraqi forces. The liberated Heights Numbers 285, 306, 267, 294, 286, 325, 305 had been occupied by enemy troops since the start of the Iraqi-imposed war in 1980.

Some 70 to 80 percent of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of Brigade 108 of Iraq's Second Corps as well as 40 to 50 percent of the First Battalion of Brigade 106 of the same corps were routed in the surprise Iranian attack. At least 1,000 Iraqi troops were reportedly killed or wounded and scores of enemy tanks, vehicles, together with several munitions dumps set ablaze.

An Iraqi prisoner of war captured in the operations confessed that Iraqi troops based in this region have been on full alert for a long time. The POW said that he had seen many Iraqi soldiers deserting the fronts and that most Iraqi troops who remained were either killed, wounded, or captured.

7 'More' Heights Liberated

LD140947 Tehran IRNA in English 0941 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Western Operational Theater, Jan 14, IRNA — Seven more strategic heights in northern Sumar were liberated in the surprise Iranian attack launched Tuesday night. The liberated heights are Numbers 265, 252, 277, 264, 249, 241, and 289.

Seven other important heights had been liberated by the Iranian combatants earlier in the operation.

Western Theater Named 'Karbala-6'

LD141045 Tehran IRNA in English 1038 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-6 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA -- The operation launched by Muslim combatants of Iran in western fronts, north of Sumar, is code named 'Karbala-6'.

The limited operation was launched in order to re-take areas of the Iranian territory under the occupation of Iraqi aggressor forces. During the operation 100 sq km of the occupied lands were liberated and heavy casualties and damage inflicted on the Ba'thist forces.

New Iraqi Units 'Being Smashed'

LD140927 Tehran IRNA in English 0908 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Shalamcheh Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Following the defeats of the Iraqi forces in the Karbala-5 operational region, the enemy in a hasty move dispatched new units to the area which, due to the lack of their familiarity with the location, especially the palm trees in west of Shalamcheh, are being smashed one after another.

According to Iraqi POW's transferred behind fronts Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, the link between most of the units dispatched to the operational region has been disconnected due to their unfamiliarity with the locality.

The swift thrust of Muslim combatants into positions of the new Iraqi units, has resulted in the smashing of a number of enemy brigades and divisions, which comprised mostly skilled Iraqi forces, in the early hours of the fighting. The remaining fled the scene.

Jet Fighters Bomb Iraqi Positions

LD140951 Tehran IRNA in English 0943 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Iranian jet fighters heavily bombed fortifications and troop concentration sites of Iraqi forces in this war theater four times Wednesday inflicting substantial casualties and losses on them. The fighters returned safely to bases after carrying out the bombing missions at 05:32, 06:30, 07:42, 08:36 GMT.

Iraqi Downing of F-4 Denied

LD140924 Tehran IRNA in English 0846 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — A senior Air Force officer categorically denied Iraqi allegations on having downed an Iranian fighter plane Tuesday. He said that all Iranian fighter planes returned to base after successfully carrying out their missions. Even an F-4 fighter which experienced technical difficulties after successfully carrying out mission landed safely, a tribute to the bravery of its pilot, he added. The co-pilot of the plane who supposed that the plane would soon crash, bailed out but the pilot safely landed the plane at base, the commander said.

Announcing that the co-pilot of the plane was in captivity of the Baghdad regime, he stressed that Iraq was responsible for his safety. Therefore, he added, the Iraqi regime has misused the incident and allegedly claimed that it had downed an Iranian fighter plane. "This is a mere lie", said the officer. He stressed that in order to strengthen low morale of Iraqi Air Force pilots, especially at a time when 35 Iraqi planes (the number rose to 38 later) have been downed by Muslim combatants, the Baghdad regime is forced to resort to such fabrications.

Iraqi Command Changes 'Possibility'

LD141021 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0926 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention. Saddam's 48-hour deadline given to two senior commanders of the Iraqi forces to recapture the Shalamcheh sector, expired at noon yesterday. This is while Iraq's 3d Corps is on the verge of total destruction under the blows of the forces of Islam.

Based on our correspondent's report, following the crushing of Iraq's 3d Corps in the Karbala-5 operational theater, Saddam gave a 48-hour deadline to Lieutenant General Khali' Khalil al-Dowri, commander of the 3d Corps, and Major General 'Abdul al-Wahid Shallal al-Rubat, commander of the Al-Miqdad Forces, during which, the two commanders were to recapture Shalamcheh sector. But, faced with the might of the combatants of Islam, the joint efforts of the two commanders

have so far been fruitless and the counteroffensives of the 3d Corps have been crushed by the forces of Islam one after the other. With the expiry of Saddam's 48-hour deadline, there is a possibility of changes in the command of Iraq's shattered forces.

'Another' Missile Hits Baghdad
LD141049 Tehran IRNA in English 1042 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — Another Iranian missile hit the Iraqi capital at 12:53 hours local time (09:23 GMT) Wednesday. The missile attack, the third since operation Karbala-5 was launched by Iran in the Shalamcheh region, was launched in retaliation for recent Iraqi military attacks on civilian areas in Iran which have massacred hundreds of civilians mostly women and children.

Missile Said Fired at Prime Ministry
LD141128 Tehran IRNA in English 1117 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — A surface-to-surface missile was fired at Iraq's Prime Ministry building in Baghdad at 12:53 hours (09:23 GMT) Wednesday. The Iranian missile attack was in retaliation for the recent Iraqi missile and air raids on residential areas which are the direct result of the bitter defeats enemy troops have sustained in the successful Karbala-5 and Karbala-6 operations.

The Air Force of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) once more warned the Iraqi rulers in Baghdad on Wednesday to discontinue their savage raids on Iranian civilians or else they would have to witness more Iranian reprisal measures.

13 Jan Missile Hit Al Dawra Refinery
LD141052 Tehran IRNA in English 1039 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — The Supreme Assembly of Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) announced that the Iranian missile fired at the Iraqi capital early Tuesday hit Al-Dawra Refinery in the vicinity of Baghdad. According to the report the sound of the explosion could be heard all over Baghdad. It inflicted extensive damage on the refinery setting ablaze three of its fuel tanks. Dubai radio had reported hearing two explosions at the time the missile hit Baghdad. The second could very well have been that of the exploding fuel tanks of Al-Dawra refinery.

International news agencies in Baghdad have so far been mum on the exact location the missile hit. But the news unit of SAIRI quoted its sources in Baghdad as saying that about 100 or 120 persons were killed or wounded in the blast.

Communique No 10 Issued
LD141106 Tehran IRNA in English 1055 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Khatem ol-Anbiya' Hq., Jan 14, IRNA — Iran's Ground Forces launched Karbala-6 opperations code-named 'Ya Zahra' in the western fronts Tuesday night, in retaliation for recent inhuman Iraqi air and missile attacks on civilians, liberating parts of Iranian soil and annihilating enemy troops in these fronts.

Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters in its 10th communique said that at least 1,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and many others captured in the Karbala-6 operations.

The headquarters said that strategic heights numbers 306, 285, 267, 294, 286, 325, 305, 295, 265, 252 and 277 in northern Sumar were liberated by the Iranian Muslim combatants. The liberated heights had been occupied by Iraqi troops since the outbreak of the Iraqi-imposed war in 1980, it added.

The Muslim forces smashed two Iraqi counter-offensives in the region Wednesday liberating the (Kanga Kush) River and the connection logistical bridges in the area, it said.

The Khatem ol-Anbiya' communique added that 80 percent of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of Brigade 108 of Iraq's 16th Division as well as 50 percent of the First Battalion of Brigade 606 were destroyed in the surprise Iranian attack. A large number of Iraqi tanks and armoured personnel carriers were also destroyed.

The Iranian forces now have a firm grip in the region and by heavily shelling positions and troop concentrations sites of Iraqi troops in this war theater have prevented them from carrying out any missions, it said.

Khatem ol-Anbiya' is the joint headquarters of Iran's Army and the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC).

Military Commander on Operations
LD141035 Tehran IRNA in English 1029 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 14, IRNA — The victorious Iranian Karbala-5 operations once more proved to the world that Iran's Muslim forces are able to attack Iraqi troops in any point in the war fronts and at any time they wish, said a ranking military commander here Wednesday.

Commander of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) 'Ali Reza Afshar added that in the Karbala-5 operations the Islamic Republic achieved all its predetermined goals with the least casualties while Iraq sustained most life and equipment losses.

Afshar noted that a ten-km infiltration into Iraqi territory, more than 18,000 Iraqi casualty toll, capture of about 1,360 enemy soldiers and officers, liberation of over 100 square kms of the operational region of Shalamcheh, and the seizure of many outposts are only parts of the achievements attained by Iranian forces in their successful Karbala-5 operations.

Iraqis 'Long To Desert' Battles
LD131623 Tehran IRNA in English 1612 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Excerpt] Karbala-5 Military Headquarters, Jan 13, IRNA — Commander of three brigades of 19 divisions of the Seventh

Corps of Iraq and a sub-commander of Brigade 19, Lieutenant Colonel Jabir Salman Hasan who was captured Monday said here Tuesday that the larger number of his Battalion 430, had been either killed, captured, or wounded by Iran's Muslim troops Monday, while many had fled the battle-scene.

The captured Iraqi commander said he was pleased with the behaviour of his captors and that he "did not expect such friendly behaviour by Muslim troops especially with Iraqi military commanders." He said Iraqi troops long to desert the battle-scenes, but that they are threatened by Iraqi patrols who kill deserters on the spot. The Iraqi commander was captured in Karbala-5 operations on Iraqi soil, about 15 kms west of the Iranian city of Khorramshahr.

Jets Bomb Arvand River, Basra Region
LD141154 Tehran IRNA in English 1125 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Iranian fighter bombers heavily bombed positions, armoured units, and troop concentration sites of Iraq's 3rd and 7th Corps on the western bank of the Arvand River and eastern Basra three times Wednesday. Columns of heavy smoke billowing from the destroyed enemy military equipment has covered the bombed sites.

The fighters safely returned to bases after the bombing missions at 06:30, 08:45, and 09:35 GMT.

Iraq Uses Chemical Weapons 14 Jan
LD141249 Tehran IRNA in English 1247 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Southern Operational Theater, Jan 14, IRNA — The Iraqi regime once more deployed chemical weapons against Muslim forces of Iran in these fronts about noon Wednesday wounding some Iranian combatants.

The Baghdad government resumed its use of these internationally banned weapons to hinder the advances of Iranian troops in this operational theater. The chemically wounded combatants were immediately transferred behind the fronts to undergo medical treatment.

Iraqi Planes Bomb Own Positions
LD141348 Tehran IRNA in English 1333 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Western Operation Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Iraqi warplanes erroneously bombed their own positions in the western fronts Wednesday. According to the scouts of the Islamic Republic Army, the enemy planes bombed their own positions in Karbala-6 operational region inflicting losses and casualties on the Ba'thist forces. Iraqi pilots, panicked by anti-aircraft fire of the Iranian combatants, have so far bombed their own positions in Karbala-5, [Karbala-]6 operational regions several times.

2 More Iraqi Jet Fighters Downed
LD141447 Tehran IRNA in English 1445 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] Karbala-5 Operational Region, Jan 14, IRNA — Two more Iraqi jet fighters were shot down by Iranian anti-aircraft fire in this war theater Wednesday bringing to 40 the number of enemy warplanes downed since the start of the Karbala-5 operations early Friday.

The Iraqi warplanes attempted to bomb Iranian positions in this theater but were shot down before carrying out any bombing missions.

Communiques Update Karbala-5, Combat Operations

No 2,714
LD121643 Tehran IRNA in English 1633 GMT 12 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 12, IRNA — Some civilians were martyred and wounded as intruding Iraqi jet fighters bombed residential areas in the cities of Esfahan, Borujerd, Arak, and Ilam Monday, said a military communique here.

Communique Number 2,714 released by the Joint Staff Command of Iran's Armed Forces said that Iraqi warplanes earlier bombarded civilian areas in Ilam and Eslamabad-e Gharb as well as shelled Marivan Sunday martyring and wounding several people.

Iranian fighter bombers heavily pounded Iraq's economic and military centers in the Iraqi cities of Raniyah, 'Aqra, Shaykh Sa'd and Qarah Tapah at 08:30, 11:20 and 13:15 hours (05:00, 07:50 and 09:45 GMT) Monday. The fighters returned safely to bases, the communique said.

Iraqi forces [words indistinct] and losses as their positions and troop concentration sites in the Karbala-5 operations were heavily bombed by Iranian jet fighters at 10:45, 11:15, 11:36, 12:55, 13:40, 14:15, and 15:40 hours (07:15, 07:45, 08:06, 09:25, 10:10, 10:45, and 12:10 GMT) Monday. The fighters returned safely to bases after their bombing missions.

Elsewhere, the communique said that three Iraqi warplanes were shot down by Iranian anti-aircraft fire in the Karbala-5 operational region at 13:23, 15:30, and 17:05 hours (09:53, 12:00 and 13:35 GMT) Monday, a pilot of Iraqi downed planes was captured.

Iran's Muslim forces, the communique said, smashed some Iraqi counterattacks backed by tank battalions in the Karbala-5 region inflicting heavy casualties and losses on Iraqi troops and forcing them to flee. Many Iraqi tanks were destroyed in the smashed counter-offensive.

Iran's Navy gunboats intercepted and inspected 24 cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz Sunday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied that the ships were not carrying any war-related goods for Iraq, the military communique said.

In the northwestern and western fronts, Iranian long range artillery fire heavily pounded Iraqi economic centers and garrisons inside Iraqi territory Sunday inflicting heavy casualties and damage on Iraqi troops, the communique said.

Military operations of Iraqi forces were checked and parts of their positions set ablaze in the northwestern and western fronts by Iranian artillery fire on Sunday.

Some Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and at least 15 gun emplacements of theirs were destroyed in parts of the southern and western fronts as they were shelled by Iranian Gendarmerie forces, the communique said.

On Saturday, ten Iraqi war planes were shot down in the Karbala-5 operational region by heavy Iranian surface-to-surface missiles.

No 2,715

LD131553 Tehran IRNA in English 1537 GMT 13 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 13, IRNA — Some civilians were martyred in the latest round of savage Iraqi air raids on the cities of Esfahan, Khorramabad (Lorestan Province), and Bakhtaran on Tuesday, said a military communique Tuesday.

Joint Staff Communique Number 2,715 said that Iranian jet fighters in four separate missions heavily bombed economic and military centers in the Iraqi cities of Irbil, Rawanduz, Jassan, and Kifri at 04:30, 04:32, 06:45, and 09:00 GMT Tuesday. The fighters returned safetly to bases.

It said that Iraqi forces suffered substantial casualties and damage as their positions and troop concentration sites in the Karbala-5 operations were heavily bombed by Iranian fighter bombers six times Tuesday. The fighters returned safely to bases after the bombing missions at 04:15, 05:24, 06:12, 07:16, 09:37, and 10:56 GMT Tuesday, it said.

The communique said that another Iraqi warplane was shot down by Iranian anti-aircraft fire in the Karbala-5 operational region at 09:18 GMT Tuesday.

On Monday, five Iraqi warplanes were shot down in the Karbala-5 theater at 05:02, 09:35 0939, 09:40, and 10:04 GMT, it said.

Iran's Muslim forces, the communique said, continued their heroic fighting in the Karbala-5 region Monday night and Tuesday inflicting more casualties and losses on the Iraqi Ba'thist troops.

In the northwestern and western fronts, Iranian long-range artillery fire continued shelling Iraqi military-economic targets and supply routes inside Iraqi territory Monday inflicting considerable damage on them, the communique said.

It furthermore said that a convoy of Iranian patrols reconnoitered Iraqi positions in a western front and seized many Iraqi communication equipment and weapons on Monday.

Iran's Navy gunboats intercepted and inspected five cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz Monday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied that the ships were not carrying any war-related goods for Iraq, it said.

The Joint Staff communique added that a number of Iraqi forces were killed or wounded and 20 bunkers and observation posts together with several vehicles of theirs destroyed in parts of the southern and western fronts Monday as they were shelled by Iranian Gendarmerie forces.

REUTER Cited on Kuwaiti Ship Hit in Gulf

LD141126 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 14 Jan 87

[Text] According to a REUTER report, an oil tanker, belonging to Kuwait, was hit by a missile in the Persian Gulf today and its engine room was set ablaze. First hand reports indicate that the ship's crew were not harmed.

IRNA Reports Iraqi Ship Sunk by Shore Battery

LD110806 Tehran IRNA in English 0758 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Text] Tehran, Jan 11, IRNA — An Iraqi boat and all its crew were sunk into Khawr 'Abdallah waters by the heavy fire of Iranian coastal artillery, early Sunday.

A Joint Staff Command announcement said here Sunday that the Iraqi boat intended to break the seige by passing through Khawr 'Abdallah channel.